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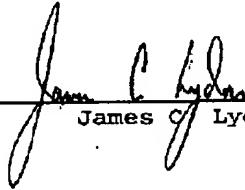
**RE:** Request for Reconsideration  
U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. 09/763,355  
By: Paulus DE LANGE et al.  
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In re the application of:

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Serial Number: 09/763,355

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Filed: February 21, 2001

Examiner: Tran, Len

For: FLUIDIZED BED METHOD AND REACTOR FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF CATALYSTS AND CATALYSTS CARRIERSREQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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February 1, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 2, 2006,  
please reconsider this application in view of the following  
remarks. Claims 1-3, 5, 14, 15 and 17 are pending.

Examiner Tran is thanked for indicating the allowability of  
claims 14 and 15. It is believed the entire application is in  
condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 5 and 17 over  
U.S. Patent No. 4,740,551 to Foster is traversed. The claimed  
method for activating and/or calcining olefin polymerization  
catalysts includes the following: